

Utility Uniforms and Accessories



Neckerchief, Brown



Hot Weather Hat



Insect Net



Poromeric Cook's Shoes



Brown Bath Towel



T-Shirt and Riggers Belt

Mission

Improve Soldier comfort with climate-appropriate utility uniforms and accessories that function as combat clothing or duty uniforms.

Description and Specifications

The **Army Combat Uniform (ACU)** consists of a jacket, trousers, and patrol cap in a new, universal camouflage pattern, sand-color moisture wicking T-shirt and improved hot weather and temperate weather Army combat boots. The ACU was constructed with direct and continuous involvement of Soldiers throughout the design and evaluation process. The result is a combat uniform with improved functionality and greater Soldier acceptance than the current Battle Dress Uniform (BDU).

The **Cold Weather Coat (Field Jacket)** may be worn with all utility uniforms as an outer garment. The BDU coat is a bush-type design with breast and lower pockets with flaps and reinforced elbow patches. The trousers have four standard-type pockets, two leg pockets with flaps, and reinforcement patches at the knees and buttocks. The uniform is loose fitting, allowing body ventilation. Materials are water repellent and treated cotton/nylon, static-dissipating fiber ripstop poplin weave. Uniforms come in desert and woodland camouflage patterns. Headgear is constructed using the same materials and in the same patterns. The **Combat Cap and Neckerchief** are used in field and garrison environments with the temperate and hot weather BDUs. It is similar in design to the BDU cap, but the retractable ear flaps are flannel lined. The neckerchief is knitted cotton jersey cloth that provides protection against the sun and functions as a sweat cloth.

The Cold Weather Coat is lined, hip-length, with a bi-swing back, convertible stand-up collar with adjustable tab closure, horizontal slide fastener closure on the collar, an attached hood with draw cord adjustment, two piece set-in sleeves, adjustment tab cuff closure, shoulder loops with button closure, slide fastener fly-front closure with snap fasteners, two bellows-type breast pockets and two lower inside hanging pockets with snap fastener flap closures, waist and hem draw cords, and inside buttons for attaching

the insulating liner. The coat is a cotton and nylon blend, wind resistant sateen fabric. It is available in the same patterns as the BDU. **Drawers** have sloped elasticized leg openings and an elastic waistband; the undershirt has quarter length sleeves with a crewneck; both are brown cotton. The black or green wool sock is worn with all boots.

The **Poromeric Cook's Shoes** are water- and slip-resistant and comfortable for extended wear. They were adopted after a market search and evaluation of commercial off-the-shelf footwear for use in garrison dining facilities.

The **Improved Mechanics Coveralls (IMC)** are lighter and more comfortable than old mechanic's coveralls, with hook-and-pile sleeve and leg closures, reinforced knees, elbows, seat, underarm ventilation, and added pockets. The V-neck, long-sleeved, pullover sweater has a convertible collar and a five-button neck front and acts as a warm undergarment.

The **Insect Hat and Insect Net** are worn in tropical and semitropical areas when helmets are not worn. The hat has a soft crown and stitched brim, chin strap, and camouflage band. The net attaches to the hat by an elastic cord with two loops at the bottom to fasten buttons. The **Brown Bath Towel** is 20 x 40 inches and is issued to Soldiers in the clothing bag for use in garrison and field environments.